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SUBJECT: ICAO AIR SECURITY CONFERENCE: ARAB LETTER TO PRESIDENT

DIALLO- SEP. 11

MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

1. ASSEMBLY MET SEPT 12 WITHOUT OPEN EXCHANGES RE
ISRAELI LETTER TO ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT. ARABS THUS FAR HAVE
CONTENTED THEMSELVES WITH DISTRIBUTION TO BOXES OF ALL
DELEGATIONS COPIES OF SEPT. 11 LETTER FROM EGYPTIAN,
SYRIAN AND IRAQI REPARESENTATIVES ADDRESSED TO ASSEMBLY
PRESIDENT IN RESPONSE TO ISRAELI LETTER. TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT. QTE. ROME, SEPT 11TH , 1973. TEXT OF A
LETTER ADDRESSED TO MR. Y. DIALLO, PRESIDENT OF THE 20TH
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SESSION (EXTRAORDINARY) OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE I.C.A.O. AND

TO MR. A. KOTATITE, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ICAO BY THE DELEGATIONS OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC AND REPUBLIC OF IRAQ, DATED SEPTEMBER 11TH 1973

MR. PRESIDENT,

OUR DELEGATIONS PRESENT THEIR RESPECTS AND REGRET THE NECESSITY WHICH ARISES FROM THE LETTER ADDRESSED TO YOU BY THE CHIEF OF THE DELEGATION OF ISRAEL TO THE 20TH SESSION EXTRAORDINARY OF THE ASSEMBLY.

THE AFOREMENTIONED LETTER MAKES SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE ARAB STATES IN GENERAL AND AGAINST THREE ARAB STATES SPECIFICALLY.

NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER IS ADDUCED FOR THESE ALLEGATIONS. WE ARE INSTRUCTED BY OUR GOVERNMENTS TO REJECT THESE ALLEGATIONS IN THEIR ENTIRETY. THE AFOREMENTIONED LETTER TREATS ALSO AS PROVEN SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FIVE INDIVIDUALS. IT LABELS THEM AS QTE TERRORISTS UNQTE AND CONDEMNNS THEM FOR ACTS OF WHICH DUE PROCESS OF LAW- INVESTIGATION, TRIAL AND APPEAL- HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED. THE CONDUCT OF THE CHIEF OF THE ISRAELI DELEGATION IN THIS MATTER VIOLATES THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF LAW RECOGNIZED BY CIVILIZED NATIONS AND THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS INNOCENT, UNLESS PROVEN GUILTY.

THE FACT THAT THE DELEGATION OF ISRAEL FOUND IT EXPEDIENT NOT TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION BY THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES CAN ONLY INDICATE THAT THE REAL OBJECTIVE OF THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES IS NOT TO SHOW CONCERN OVER THE SAFETY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION, BUT TO INTRODUCE IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY EXTRANEOUS ELEMENTS OF POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY. OUR DELEGATIONS WOULD ALSO RESPECTFULLY DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT SUCH DRAMATIC AND INFLAMMATORY STATEMENT BY AN ISRAELI OFFICIAL- CONCERNING AN ALLEGED INCIDENT ABOUT WHICH SIGNIFICANTLY, THE ISRAELIS THEMSELVES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE TIPPED OFF THE ITALIAN POLICE- COMING AS THEY DO DURING THE MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE OF ICAO AND QUICK UPON THE HEELS OF UNQUALIFIED SERIOUS CONDEMNATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, THE ICAO COUNCIL, AND THE ICAO ASSEMBLY OF ISRAEL'S VIOLATION OF THE SAFETY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF CIVIL AVIATION, CONFORM TO THE TRADITIONAL PATTERN OF ISRAELI POLICY AND SEEK TO FABRICATE PRETEXTS AND CREATE A CLIMATE FOR SOME FUTURE UNLAWFUL ACTION PLANNED BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES.

WE WOULD IN THIS REGARD REFER TO THE RECENT STATEMENT BY THE ISRAELI DEFENCE MINISTER, WHICH WAS WIDELY REPORTED IN THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS, THAT QTE THE ROME DISCOVERY UNDERSCORES THE NECESSITY FOR ISRAEL TO GO OUT-

SIDE INTERNATIONAL LAW TO DEFEND ITSELF UNQTE, AND WE
WOULD URGE THE ASSEMBLY TO TAKE NOTE OF THIS STATEMENT.
FINALLY, WE DO NOT WISH TO DISTURB ANY FURTHER THE
SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE ASSEMBLY. WE EARNESTLY HOPE THAT IT
WOULD CONCLUDE ITS WORK SUCCESSFULLY. WE HEREBY
PLEDGE ALL OUR EFFORTS TOWARDS THIS END.
I WOULD THEREFORE REQUEST YOU. MR. PRESIDENT , TO
ARRANGE FOR A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO BE AVAILABLE
TO THE DELEGATIONS ATTENDING THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE
ASSEMBLY.
PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF
OUR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
DR. F. K. MOURSI, CHIEF OF THE DELEGATION OF ARAB
REPUBLIC OF EGYPT
MR. C. OTRAKJI, CHIEF OF THE DELEGATION OF THE SYRIAN
ARAB REPUBLIC
MR. A. H. ALI, CHIEF OF THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC
OF IRAQ UNQTE. END TEXT. VOLPE

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